

REVIEW OF DEFERRALS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL,
THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

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A REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST SPECIAL IMPOUNDMENT
MESSAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001, PURSUANT TO 2 U.S.C. 685



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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE,
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Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On January 18, 2001, President Clinton submitted to the Congress his first special impoundment message for fiscal year 2001. The message reports two deferrals of budget authority. We have reviewed the deferrals and found them to be in accordance with the Impoundment Control Act, 2 U.S.C. §§ 681–688, as amended.

The enclosure provides specific information with regard to the two deferrals which we believe will be useful to the Congress in its examination of the message.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID M. WALKER,
Comptroller General of the United States.

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COMMENTS ON THE FIRST SPECIAL MESSAGE**FISCAL YEAR 2001****DEPARTMENT OF STATE****D01-1****United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund**11X0040Amount Reported Deferred: \$145,309,659

The President's message reports a deferral of \$145,309,659, however, OMB's most recent cumulative report, submitted to the Congress on April 11, 2001, shows the total amount deferred has been reduced to \$105,277,000 due to subsequent releases.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**D01-2****International Assistance Programs****International Security Assistance****Economic Support Fund**Amount Reported Deferred: \$1,801,382,43972X1037 720/11037 720/21037 721/21037

The President's message reports a deferral of \$1,801,382,439, however, OMB's most recent cumulative report, submitted to the Congress on April 11, 2001, shows the total amount deferred has been reduced to \$1,497,861,000 due to subsequent releases. Also, according to the most recent apportionment schedules for these accounts total budgetary resources are \$ 2,913,514,291 and not \$ 2,409,998,439 as reported by the President. The differences are due to adjustments to unobligated balances carried forward into fiscal year 2001 and fiscal year 2001 transfers into the no-year account.